

mated pairs. Females were frequently seen laying on *Lotus* spp., once or twice positively identified as *Lotus lancerottensis*, a species confined to Lanzarote and Fuerteventura (Bramwell and Bramwell 1974), and also on what might be another *Lotus*, possibly an introduced species, but possibly an exceptionally vigorous growth of *L. lancerottensis*.

P. icarus thus seems well-established on Lanzarote. In May 1987 I failed to find it on Fuerteventura, but the island was dry and desiccated and no butterflies of any species were seen. Indeed it is likely that on the two desert islands of Fuerteventura and Lanzarote all butterflies are active chiefly in February and March, especially if there has been biologically effective rainfall.

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MOROCCO REVISITED — A CORRECTION.— In my article 'Morocco revisited in 1986' (*Entomologist's Rec. J. Var.* 100:34) I recorded taking a specimen of *Pseudophilotes bavius fatma* Oberthür atop a small hill in the High Atlas mountains south of the Tizi-n-Test in Morocco. On re-examination I find this specimen is actually a small and unusually marked female *Lysandra punctifera* Oberthür. My thanks to Herr H.J. Falkenhahn of Kulmbach, West Germany for pointing out this mis-identification and causing me to re-examine the butterfly — a little more carefully! W.J. TENNENT, 1 Middlewood Close, Fylingthorpe, Whitby, North Yorkshire.

SILVER-WASHED FRITILLARY IN SURREY.— my son, Nicholas, reported to me that he had sighted a single example of *Argynnis paphia* L., the silver-washed fritillary, an insect he has often seen before, in Richmond Park, Surrey on 24th July 1988.

According to Plant, (1987) *The butterflies of the London area*, the butterfly has not been recorded from Richmond Park since 1953, although there may be later records of which I am unaware. D.S. BURROWS, Witham Cottage, School Lane, Boothby, Pagnell, Lincs.